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parks, recreation areas, sewer plants, water plants, community centers, libraries, city or town halls, jailhouses, courthouses, and schoolhouses.

(r) *Public services.* The provision to the public of services such as: health care, fire and police protection, recreation, etc.

(s) *Site.* A site is a plot of land which is suitable or can be made suitable for providing housing, public facilities, or services.

(t) *Site acquisition.* Obtaining legal title to a site (or sites) or obtaining leaseholds or other interests in land, by an instrumentality of a state or local Government, or by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354, for housing, public facilities, or services.

(u) *Site development.* Site restoration, necessary off-site improvements and such on-site improvements as the construction of sewerage collection and water distribution lines (does not include individual taps) and construction of access roads; but does not include the construction of houses or public facilities.

(v) *Site restoration.* On-site improvements to the real property (such as backfilling, compacting, grading and leveling) necessary for the construction of houses and public facilities.

(w) *State.* Any of the fifty States, Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States.

(x) *State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas.* The investment strategy for the development of approved designated areas within a State as proposed by the Governor and approved by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

(y) *Substandard housing.* All housing units which do not have complete plumbing fixtures, lack adequate heating systems, are not structurally sound, or contain any other conditions that would cause a safety, sanitary, or health hazard to the family or community.

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§ 1948.54 Eligible applicants.

Organizations eligible for grants include local governments, councils of

local government, and State governments that have the legal authority necessary to undertake the proposed project.

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§ 1948.55 Source of funds.

(a) Grants will be awarded from appropriate funds specifically allocated for this program.

(b) Grants made for growth management and housing planning may equal but will not exceed 10 percent of the total amount of funds appropriated for and allocated to this program.

§ 1948.56 Program purposes.

(a) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will make grants for assistance to approved designated areas in accordance with criteria contained in this subpart by providing assistance to fill gaps in growth management and housing planning, and to provide supplementary support for acquisition and development of sites for housing and public facilities and services by States, local governments, and councils of local government.

(b) Efforts will be made to provide comprehensive assistance to approved designated areas through the coordination power of the Secretary of Agriculture by utilizing existing plans, State and local programs, and other Federal programs to the maximum extent possible. Particular attention will be given to the utilization of existing FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 authorities under other FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 programs in conjunction with this subpart for providing assistance to approved designated areas in accordance with the Governor's approved State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas.

(c) Where existing plans are unsuitable or nonexistent, and other assistance programs are inadequate or unavailable on a timely basis, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will provide assistance under this subpart to States, councils of local governments, and local governments for the modification, updating, and/or development of growth management